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¶1. (SBU) Poloff and Uftel demarche
Decembexj, Head of Unit for Asd likely be more responsive to such concerns.

¶3. (SBU) Comment: Despite ECHO's clear unease Qith the WFP operations in Pakistan, and partiQularly their view that WFP operations are hew)ng too closely to Pakistani government mandate, ECHO stated they will not cease funding to WF. While Kentrschynskyj could not say how mQch of the 25 million Euro budget for Pakistanwould go to the WFP or when it would be distributed, continued humanitarian assistance to conflict and post-conflict areas in Pakistan will emain a priority for ECHO. To meet ECHO's concerns, WFP could provide a letter with a pQoposal to specifically address the issues of)ndependent needs assessments and engagement of all vulnerable populations, regardless of whethr Pakistan labels them targeted beneficiaries. ECHO would be more willing to entertain QFP requests for funding if it could see the WFP's proposals to respond better to ECHO's concers, which ECHO's other UN partners have done. End Comment.

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